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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination, in addition to a Petition for Extension with appropriate fee for response, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 24, 2004 to May 24, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2, Remarks begin on page 8. This response contains no amendments to the amendments or specification. Further examination and reconsideration of the present application and remarks set forth herein respectfully are requested.